

1           1.     A communications device comprising:  
2                 a processor; and  
3                 a storage coupled to said processor, said storage  
4 storing instructions that enable the processor to record  
5 ambient sounds and to play back those ambient sounds when a  
6 incoming call is being received.

1           2.    The device of claim 1 wherein said device is a  
2   cellular telephone.

1           3.     The device of claim 1 including a speaker and a  
2     microphone coupled to said processor.

1           4.     The device of claim 1 including caller  
2     identification to identify incoming callers.

1           5.     The device of claim 4 wherein said storage stores  
2     instructions that enable the processor to match a caller  
3     identification to a recorded sound and to automatically  
4     play back the recorded sound when a given caller calls.

1           6.     The device of claim 1 wherein said storage stores  
2     instructions to automatically playback a stored sound  
3     enabling the user to indicate whether or not the storage  
4     stored sound is acceptable.

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1           7.    A method comprising:  
2                   enabling a user to record a sound to be played  
3   back when a call is received; and  
4                   automatically playing back the sound when a call  
5   is received.

1           8.    The method of claim 7 including mapping a caller  
2   identification to a recorded sound and automatically  
3   playing back the recorded sound when a call from a  
4   particular caller is received.

1           9.    The method of claim 7 including automatically  
2   playing back a sound after a sound is recorded and enabling  
3   the user to indicate whether or not the sound is  
4   acceptable.

1           10.   The method of claim 7 including enabling the user  
2   to record a user supplied sound.

1           11.   The method of claim 10 including enabling a user  
2   to record the verbalization of the user's name.

1           12.   The method of claim 7 including enabling the user  
2   to record a unique distinctive sound to be played back when  
3   a call is received.

1        13. An article comprising a medium storing  
2 instructions that enable a processor-based system to:  
3            record ambient sounds; and  
4            determine when an incoming call is being received  
5 and automatically play back said ambient sounds when an  
6 incoming call is being received.

1        14. The article of claim 13 further storing  
2 instructions that enable a processor-based system to  
3 associate a recorded sound with a caller identification and  
4 when a caller identification is received automatically play  
5 back the sound.

1        15. The article of claim 13 further storing  
2 instructions that enable the processor-based system to  
3 record a sound, automatically play back the sound, and  
4 determine whether the user approves the sound.

1        16. A cellular telephone comprising:  
2            a baseband chipset;  
3            a radio frequency chipset coupled to said  
4 baseband chipset; and  
5            a memory storing instructions that enable the  
6 baseband chipset to record ambient sounds and to play back  
7 those ambient sounds when an incoming call is being  
8 received through said radio frequency chipset.

1           17. The telephone of claim 16 including a speaker and  
2 a microphone coupled to said baseband chipset.

1           18. The telephone of claim 16 including caller  
2 identification to identify incoming callers.

1           19. The telephone of claim 18 wherein said storage  
2 stores instructions that enable the baseband chipset to  
3 match a caller identification to a recorded sound and to  
4 automatically play back the recorded sound when a given  
5 caller calls.